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## **FEDERAL INDICTMENT IN COATESVILLE ARSON CASE**

PHILADELPHIA - United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of a one-count indictment charging Mark Gilliam, of Chester County, Pennsylvania, with committing an arson of the Happy Days Family Bistro, located at 3470 East Lincoln Highway, in Thorndale, PA, on January 25, 2009.

“The indictment today is a result of the outstanding efforts of the Chester County Arson Task Force, which was formed in January 2009 to investigate a series of arson fires in Coatesville and the surrounding area,” Magid said.

### **INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT**

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Mark Gilliam	Chester County, PA	19

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years supervised release.

This investigation was conducted by the Chester County Arson Task Force, which consists of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Coatesville Police Department, the Pennsylvania State Police, and the Chester County District Attorney’s Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Denise S. Wolf.

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